(b) During the last six months i.e. from October, 1985 to March, 1986 four unlicensed arms factories have been unearthed in Delhi.

(c) The following steps are being taken to detect running of such illegal arms factories in Delhi:—

(i) The arms Act, 1959 has been amended twice first in 1983 and then in 1985, which provides deterrent punishment to offenders.

(ii) Strict watch over the persons suspected to be involved in manufacturing and smuggling of illegal arms is kept.

(iii) Intelligence system has been strengthened.

(iv) Periodical raids are conducted to check the suspected places.

(v) Armed pickets at strategic points have been stationed to check suspicious persons carrying such arms.

(vi) Border check posts have been set up to detect persons carrying such arms.

(vii) Regular meetings with Senior Superintendents of police of neighbouring States of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, etc. are hold to coordinate action to detect/nab the smugglers of arms.

Special security arrangements for Madhya Pradesh High Court Judge

1387. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh High Court Judge Justice B. N. Lal has sought for special security arrangements for him; and

(b) if so, the circumstances which necessitated such special security?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU). (a) and (b) No, Sir. He himself did not seek it. However, when a car with four occupants unauthorisedly entered the bungalow of Justice B. N. Lal on the night of 3rd April, 1986, an additional security guard was provided to him by the State Government.

Decision to make Assamese, a compulsory language in schools in Assam

1388. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government's attention has been drawn to the decision of the Assam Government for making 'Assamese' a compulsory language at the secondary stage of education;

(b) whether Government are aware of the current agitation against this decision in Assam; and

(c) if so, what is the Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) An agitation has been going on in Cachar against a circular issued by the Assam Board of Secondary Education introducing Assamese language as a compulsory language in non-Assamese medium schools at the secondary stage.

As the matter basically pertains to the State Government, the State Government have to take a view in the matter keeping various aspects of the problem in view. It has been intimated by the State Government that a

discussion in this matter is going on between the State Government and the agitation leaders.

Granting of citizenship

1389. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many people were granted citizenship in India during the last three years, year-wise and state-wise:

(b) how many applications were rejected during this period for citizenship, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) whether any complaints have been received in this regard by Government during the last three years, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) A statement giving the information in respect of persons granted Indian citizenship by the Central Government and applications rejected by the Central Government is attached. [*See* Appendix XXXVIII Annexure No. 40].

(c) No complaints have been received by the Central Government regarding grant/rejection of applications made for Indian Citizenship.

Study on drug abuse in Tihar Jail

1390. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey or study have been conducted about drug abuse in the Tihar Jail in the past;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) what steps are being taken to contain drug abuse in Tihar Jail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The problem of drug abuse in Tihar Jail is of considerable magnitude. On 28th February, 1986 out of 630 under trials under non IPC offences lodged in the Jail as many as 230 were detained in cases involving narcotics substances, such as, smack, charas, ganja etc. Habitual prisoners are using variety of means for the smuggling of drugs. Action is being taken under Jail Manual against prisoners found with drugs.

(c) Apart from routine search, surprise searches have been increased. All known addicts are kept under strict surveillance. In addition, deaddiction programme is being run in the jail as a welfare measure.

Pollution due to Thermal Power Station in Delhi

1391. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the air around various thermal power stations in Delhi is polluted because of the burning of coal;

(b) if so, what are the measures already taken and are proposed to be taken to minimise this type of pollution; and

(c) whether Government have made any detailed study of the pollution being caused by the Badarpur and Indraprastha Power Stations in Delhi and the impact it is having on various localities around them, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) According to the ambient air quality data near Indraprastha Thermal Power Station and Badarpur Thermal Power Station, the